

Remarks

Applicants have been advised that the English-language translation of PCT/JP03/02945 filed with the instant application on September 10, 2004, incorrectly set forth claims 11-13 as part of the original PCT application. In fact, the original PCT application included only claims 1-10. Claims 11-13 were intended to be added to the instant application by Preliminary Amendment. Applicants hereby submit the attached executed Supplemental Verification Statement to clarify the record and to confirm that the error was unintentional.

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-13 be cancelled and that new claims 14-26 be added. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. The claims have merely been re-numbered to accurately reflect the claims submitted for examination.

CONCLUSION

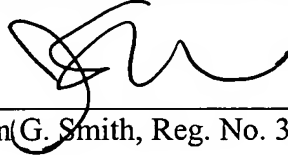
Applicants believe that no fees are due at this time. However, **except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a

CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §

1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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